

ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY

Please remember the following :

† Len Saad, James Rant, Madeleine Myall, Ellen Wicker, Charlotte Rooney, Joseph Gibbons, Albert Perkins, James Studdert, Anthony O'Hara, Joseph and Simon MacKereth, Keith Fletcher, Patrick O'Hara, Andrew Sharman, Reginald Hutchinson, Alfie Cantor, Sheila Baker, Dolly Bright, Marcus Redding, Millie Medcalf, Maurus and Mona Lawton, Gwen Schneiderhan, Sean Corr, Stephen West, Brian Blyth-Cook, James Devereux, Helen Carmichael, Nora Carey, Frances O'Sullivan, George Collis, Alfred Marshall, Peggy Gillies, Malcolm Andrews, Dorothy and Jim Eost, Richard Copley, Roger Grain, Treasa Parker, Paul O'Sullivan, Joanne Wicker †

MASS RESPONSES

Responsorial Psalm 8.45am and 6pm

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Responsorial Psalm 10.45am

Jubilate Deo, cantate Domino! (*repeat*)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me" Alleluia.

To arrange visits to the sick and housebound please contact Sharon in the office.

New to the Parish? Please go to our website and fill in your details and Fr Brett will contact you in due course.

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Those who receive Holy Communion at home:

Jo Williams, Phyllis Green, Eileen Barber, Tom Costello, Eileen Glyde, Margaret Harrington, Roland de Cruz, Patrick Murray, Christine Leaver, Patricia Connolly, Neil O'Boyle, Dolly Poskitt, Dorothy Kensey, Michael Ryan, June Dillon, Severino D'Andrea, Carmel Collis, Rudolf Seneca, Kate Baron.

Other friends and family in our prayers:

Jane Barker, Kitty Grange, Robert Walliker, Sonia Curtis, Julie Stubbs, Colin Bennett, Edith Kemp, Janet Bernard, Eileen Malone, Margaret Button, Eileen Wilson, Theo Kalogerides, Maureen Woodcock, Rosie Stubbs, Mark Whitton, Shirley Essex, Emma Tredgett, Elisa Roffey, Anthony Betts, Gary Perez, Karel O'Rourke, Doug Woulds, Anna Cohen, Monica McGrath, Michael Tobin, Marion Storey, Alison Gleave, Joan Butcher, Pat Davison, Jackie and Ron Gravestock, Lesley Sullivan, Liam Bryan, Don Cannon, Steve Magee, Cath Wilks, Brigid Hogan, Gabriella Magee, Lorna Smith, Sylvia Asuquo, Michelle Oatham, Yvonne Byford, James Corr, Hilary Bliss.

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The Catholic Parish of

ST. GEORGE and the English Martyrs

Twinned with Dames Fontein, South Africa

Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year A

LIKE A MIRACLE

'There are many rooms in my Father's house' (John 14:2)

In 2010 a terrible earthquake struck Haiti, killing around 230,000 people and forcing over a million people from their homes. Aid agencies rushed to help, and provided immediate shelter in the form of tents.

"On the day of the earthquake, my wife was in our tin house, and she ran as fast as she could with the children," said Bernard Dousous. "The house was completely crushed. After that we slept outside for seven days. We lost everything - our belongings and all our official documents." Now he has a new home. His neighbour Casimir Jean Harrison has also moved and says, "I am so happy with the new home, so excited. I keep thanking God because it is like a miracle. All my things from the old house will come with me to my new house. I have a lot of friends and they can come over and we can all sit together in my new home and talk and be happy."

Homes are very important to us - they are places where we feel safe, where we are surrounded by family and friends.

The disciples were afraid when they knew that Jesus was about to leave them, and today Jesus reassures them. They are to trust him that he is preparing a place for them.

There are many things that we are worried about - maybe we worry about where we can afford to live, about our families, about our own health and well-being. Jesus asks us to put our trust in him, to find our sense of safety and our house with him.

A Prayer

God our Father, we give you thanks for our homes and our families, for our friends and for all that we have. We pray for those who face disaster and danger, like war, earthquake and floods. May we learn to help others, and to trust in you always,



13th MAY – 21st MAY 2017

Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year A

Saturday 13th	6.00pm	For All Parishioners
Sunday 14th		<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>
	8.45am*	Intentions of Ted and Anne Brown
	10.45am	Bridie Priestley RIP (Karel O'Rourke) and Gratitude to Sacristans and Ushers (Sylvia)
Monday 15th		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am	Joseph Redmond Gibbons RIP - Anniv and Fr John Abbott RIP (Nottingham)
Tuesday 16th		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am*	Beryl Powell RIP (Mrs Law)
Wednesday 17th		<i>Feria</i>
	11.30am	Felix and Family (Sylvia)
Thursday 18th		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am	Intentions of Anna Tullio (Joan Butcher and her sister ,Margaret)
Friday 19th		<i>Feria</i>
	9.15am	Mary Woulds RIP (Doug Woulds)
Saturday 20th		
	6.00pm	For All Parishioners
Sunday 21st		<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter (Day of Prayer for Human Works)</i>
	8.45am*	Intentions of Elizabeth Pricking (Ted Brown)
	10.45am	Bridie Dunne RIP and the Deceased Members of the Dunne Family in Ballingarry, Ireland (Frank and Patricia McLoughlin)

*At St. Gregory's, Thorpe Bay

Confessions—Saturday 5pm to 5.45pm. Other times may be available upon request.

Morning Prayer will begin at 9am, followed by Mass at 9.15am, on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: - Adoration is on Friday mornings following the Mass. Benediction will take place at 11.45am.

KNIGHTS OF SAINT COLUMBA

PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD PRIORY

On Sunday 11th June join us at Aylesford Priory to celebrate the feast of Saint Columba with an open air Mass, picnic in the grounds or enjoy a meal in the restaurant and process with the Knights through the beautiful Rosary Walk in the afternoon. Adults £14 – Children Free (limited places available on a first come first served basis) Pick-Up points: Sacred Heart Church, Southchurch at 8:30am – Nazareth House, Westcliff at 8:40am – Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh at 8:50am. To book your place please phone Mike Warren 07948 515288 or email: warrenmike@hotmail.co.uk

BROTHER GUY CONSOLMAGNO SJ TO SPEAK AT GIDEA PARK

Brother Guy is Director of the Vatican Observatory, and well known to readers of 'The Tablet'. He will lead a study day entitled 'God and the Cosmos', in which he will explore how looking at the immensity of creation leads us to become more familiar with who God is and how God loves us. The day will take place on Saturday 10th June from 11am until 3pm (coffee from 10.30am) at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Admission is free, tea and coffee will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch. Book your place early by email: - GPstudydays@gmail.com

DIOCESAN YOUTH NEWS

Youth Mass at Brentwood Cathedral. All welcome on the first Wednesday of the month to celebrate Mass at 8pm, followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Conference rooms. **Brightlights** with the BCYS. Take a coach trip up to Alton Castle with young Catholics. Optional extension on the trip to visit Alton Towers. Details of these and more from www.bcys.net

A SPECIAL FINAL THOUGHT FOR ALL TAKING EXAMS AT THE MOMENT...

Loving God,

be with me now,

as I prepare for my exams.

Thank you for the many talents

and gifts you have given me,

and for the opportunity of

education.

Calm my nerves and anxiety,

help me to remember all that I have

studied,

to express it clearly and to answer

the questions the very best that I

can.

Holy Spirit, sit with me in my exam -

and always.

In Jesus' name

Amen.



ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK

The 2017 annual KSC sponsored seafront walk in aid of the BCCS will take place on Saturday 1st July with 10am Mass at St Helen's Westcliff, followed by a walk with Father Joseph back to the hall at St George's for refreshments. Contact Damian on 07887 678741 for more information and to take part.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

If you need a low gluten host please speak with an usher on arrival in church, and they will arrange this.

ESSEX RECUSANT SOCIETY

The Essex Recusant Society invites you to join its visit to Chelsea Old Church, 64 Cheyne Walk, London SW3 5TT on Saturday 27 May, meeting at the Church at 1.00 pm. The Church was rebuilt by St Thomas More in 1528 and later restored following its destruction by a landmine in 1941. Now an Anglican church, it is very much part of our Catholic Heritage. Afterwards there will be a visit to Allen Hall, the Westminster Diocesan Seminary in nearby Beaufort Street (built on the site of St Thomas More's house) to view the famous Mulberry Tree.

VACANCIES

Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant required to support the Finance Office and parishes at Cathedral House, Brentwood. The role is part-time, working four days a week (28 hours). If you – or any of your family or friends – are interested in this role, please first send an e-mail to finance-recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org to ask for a copy of the job description and person specification. More details were in last week's newsletter. Closing date for CVs/ applications is 19th May 2017; interviews and tests to take place 25th May.

St Teresa's Catholic Primary School, Rochford, Essex SS4 1RF.

Require: DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

Please contact Mrs. Amanda Kipps (School Business Manager) by telephone (01702 547918) or email (admin@st-teresas-pri.essex.sch.uk) to arrange an appointment and request an application pack. Applicants must use the Catholic Education Service (CES) forms. Closing Date 15th May 2017.

New Hall School, Chelmsford have various vacancies. Please check out their website for details.

www.newhallschool.co.uk/job-opportunities

St. Peter's Catholic Primary, Billericay have a part-time maternity cover vacancy Details are on: - www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/ Vacancies

COFFEE MORNING

This weekend we have the Family Group providing the refreshments. Come and join us for Tea, Coffee and a selection of other goodies!



Next weekend our hosts will be the Friends of St. George's (the school PTA).

THANK YOU!

A huge thank you goes to Fr Martin who has done a great job holding the fort while Fr Brett has been away. Fr Martin leaves us after Mass on Thursday morning, and will return in September.

We welcome back 'the lovely Fr Brett' (as he likes to be known!) on Friday morning.

UPDATE TO THE REPAIRS

You will be pleased to know that by early next week all of the scaffolding should be removed from the Church, and the last of the painting will have been finished. We will certainly be glad to see the back of the scaffolding, and the constant smell of paint in the church!

Thanks to all of you for bearing with us whilst these necessary repairs and works were being carried out.



PARISH SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday 10th June from 12 noon
St. Gregory's Church, Thorpe Bay

It's nearly that time of year again, for our Annual Summer Fayre, always a fabulous social occasion for our Parish. The Theme for this year is Seaside around the World. We are now asking for donations of Bottles, Gifts and Prizes, Toiletries, Chocolate, Teddy Bears and items for our ever-famous Hampers! Please leave any of these items in boxes provided, in the porches of St. George's & St Gregory's Church or drop into the Parish office.

If you would like to help in any way, either before or on the day, please contact Suzanne on 294687 or email -suzehalvey@hotmail.com or Sharon.

Also Summer Fayre Draw Tickets will be on sale after all Masses from mid May.



HOMELESS COLLECTION

Every month we are collecting Powdered Milk and/or Long Life Milk. In addition, during May we are collecting Sugar, Coffee, Tea, Long Life Cream and Evaporated Milk.

The homeless in our area are also very much in need of men's boxer-type underpants in a size small or medium; either new or laundered would be great if you were able to provide some.

Please leave in the box in the porch. Many thanks to you all.

YOUTH JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

The Youth J & P Group meet up once again this Friday, the 19th May, at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. We welcome anyone from Year 8 upwards. Come along and make a difference.

Coffee Morning Thanks... Huge thanks to everyone who supported our Youth J & P Coffee Morning last weekend. We raised over £150 to send to our good causes.

SMALL JOBS WANTED!

One of our young people is currently studying at college, but has some time on her hands. She is looking for some part-time work to fit around her studies. She is happy to do cleaning, dog walking, babysitting or any other small jobs you may have in mind. Reasonable hourly rates. Please contact the office and leave your details.

BAPTISM COURSE

Please note that the Baptism Course on the 7th June is now *full*. The next one-off course will be held on Wednesday 5th July. Please ring the office to book your place.

SENIOR JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, the 23rd May, at 1.45pm for 2pm in the Committee Room of St. George's Church. All welcome to come and join this busy group and hear about the projects/charities that they help to support.

PETITIONS FOR LOURDES

There will be boxes at the back of both churches for petitions for Lourdes. I will collect them on the 15th May. People can contact me on 01702 535751 if they would like candles lit.

Dianne Alexander

In Memorium

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Mr Conrad

Douglas-Mackenzie

(Brother of Miriam Goldsworthy)

Who passed away on
25th April 2017

Funeral to take place at
Sutton Road Cemetery Church
on Tuesday 16 May at
2.15pm.

In Memorium

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Audrey McAuliffe

Who passed away recently

Requiem Mass to take place at
St. George's Church on
Friday 26 May
at 12noon.

Requiescat in Pace

RETIRING COLLECTION

Advance notice that the next retiring collection will be on the 27/28 May, and it will be for World Communications Day.

OFFERTORY

The Offertory last week came to £683.56, excluding Gift Aid and Standing Orders. The retiring collection for Vocations Sunday was a magnificent £487.97, excluding Gift Aid. Many thanks to you all for your generosity.

MEDITATIVE ROSARY

The Rosary Group meet every Tuesday in St. George's Church at 8pm. Please come and join us.

TO ALL OF OUR DBS/CRB - CHECKED VOLUNTEERS

The Diocese are now running online courses for all volunteers in parishes who are dealing with children, youth and vulnerable adults.

We ask that all our volunteers who are CRB/DBS-checked take part in these online courses. Could you please forward your email address to me and I will pass onto the Diocesan Safeguarding Office and they will contact you directly about the course. Many thanks,

Sharon